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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint
inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought
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LOWERING DEVICE COMPRISING A SUPPORT STRUCTURE

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